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PREFACE

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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MUKHINKA TRAINING AREA ZEYA RIVER WEST

(50-32N 127-36E)

MUKHINKA, AMURSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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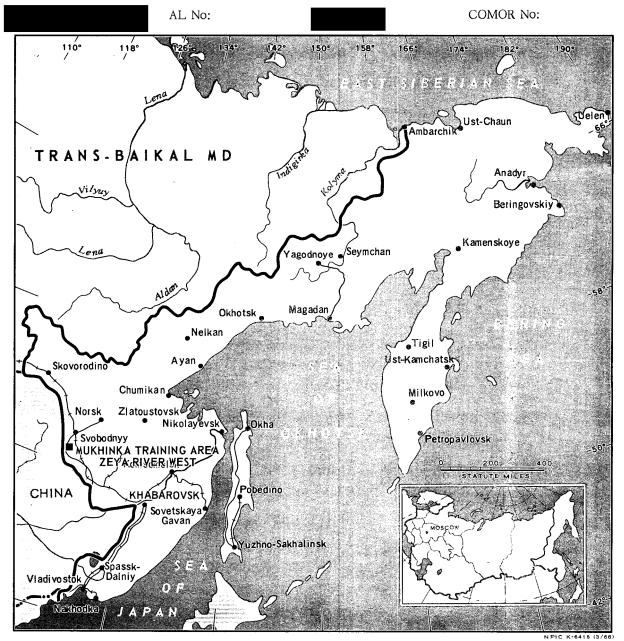


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MUKHINKA TRAINING AREA ZEYA RIVER WEST.

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FIGURE 2. MUKHINKA TRAINING AREA ZEYA RIVER WEST, MUKHINKA, USSR,

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SUMMARY

Mukhinka Training Area Zeya River West is located 30 kilometers (km) north of Blagoveshchensk and 1 km west of Mukhinka (Figure 1).

The installation covers approximately 6,000 acres and contains 1 administration building, 2 probable barracks, 48 support buildings, 3 vehicle parks, and a large bivouac area. Training facilities consist of 2 tank/assault-gun firing ranges, 1 flat-trajectory range, 3 special training facilities, 2 unidentified facilities, and

an athletic field (Figures 2 and 3).

Comparative analysis indicates that the entire installation and training facilities have undergone considerable change since initial coverage. These changes include the renovation of old ranges, development of new modern ranges, and a considerable reduction in the building count in the administration area.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Road Service

Primary and secondary roads connect the installation with Blagoveshchensk.

Administration and Troop Housing Area

Area D appears to be the administrative center for the range complex. It contains 1 administration building, 2 probable barracks, 2 support buildings, and a large bivouac area.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 is an 840- by 225-foot vehicle park. Area J2 is a 300- by 90-foot vehicle park. Area J3 is a 990- by 135-foot vehicle park.

Athletic Field

Area K is an athletic field which appears to have an oval exercise track with a probable soccer field in the center area.

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Ranges

Area N1 contains a 3,750-foot tank/assault-gun firing range with eight 2,250-foot lanes and 10 targets and 11 support buildings. Recent photography indicates the range is very active.

Area N2 contains 1 lane and 3 targets. It

appears to be a tank/assault-gun firing range but its exact function is undetermined.

Flat-Trajectory Firing Range

Area P is a 2,100- by 525-foot probable fixed-target flat-trajectory firing range with 11 targets and 5 support buildings which probably serve for range control.

Infantry or Combined-Arms Field Training Area or Courses

Area S1, a probable driver and infantry training course, contains extensive track/ wheeled-vehicle scarring and numerous probable mortar positions and is located in rough terrain southwest of the administrative area.

Area S2 contains an APC range with 8 target runs and 28 range support buildings. The eastern section of the range is possibly used for small-arms firing.

Area S3 is a probable APC range with stationary targets.

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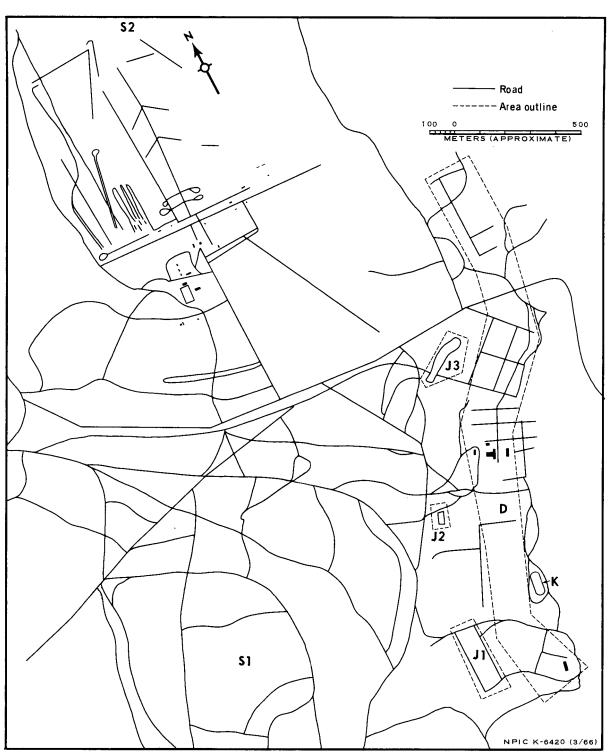


FIGURE 3. MUKHINKA TRAINING AREA ZEYA RIVER WEST. Sketch compiled from

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